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We would appreciate your comments (good or bad) relating to services provided by the City and/or information you would like to know in future newsletters. Also, please let us know if we've done something you liked. If you have concerns or questions about City services please feel free to contact us at 734-6600 or complete the following questionnaire and return it to City Hall. Note: We take all your comments seriously. Please give us your name, address, and telephone number so we can follow-up and answer your concerns. See us at: [www.brimhamcity.utah.gov](http://www.brimhamcity.utah.gov).

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BRIGHAM CITY  
MAYOR'S OFFICE

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Citizens,

Time seems to speed by these days. Summer is gone and we're already into fall enjoying locally grown fresh peaches and vegetables from our gardens. The anticipation of a brand new school year is already upon us delivering our children back to school with the opportunity to renew friendships and discover innovative ideas.



Recently my family entertained a French summer foreign exchange student (Stephanie Jourdan) and her family for 17 days. When I asked her sixteen year old brother Edward what he enjoyed most of the sites we had visited (including: Park City, Salt Lake City, Arches, Zions, Monument Valley, and the Grand Canyon), his answer surprised me. He responded with, "The Bear River Bird Refuge." I reflected on the positive experience we encountered there and appreciated the efforts of Kathi Stopher and volunteers who greeted us the day we visited. Kathi helped us spot and identify several birds from the observation deck while we were being serenaded by several bull moose sounding like honking toads. Those individuals at the refuge who greeted us that day made our encounter with birds a memorable experience. We are so fortunate to have this facility within our borders.

The Jourdan family requested a tour of Brigham City, which I was happy to oblige. Through new eyes I marveled at our well kept buildings, our clean streets, our sparkling swimming pool, our green parks, our stunning flowers lining the downtown, our beautiful tree lined Main Street, our immaculately kept fire and ambulance equipment, and the list goes on and on. I was filled with pride in being a citizen of such an attractive city. My appreciation goes out to all who make us shine.

An interesting observation was offered by Astrid and Alice, Stephanie's 23 year old twin sisters. They shared with me how in their city in France police officers don't enforce the law. Victims of crime are pretty much dependent on personal contacts within the system. Punishment against a perpetrator happens when you know the right people. They stated that it is not a matter of enforcing what is right or wrong within the law and many times nothing is done when crimes are committed. I reflected on how our Brigham City police officers take pride in providing a safe community for us to live in. Chief Tittensor informed us that this past year our crime has decreased within our city boundaries. Many factors contributed to this milestone and we applaud all efforts that create a safer environment. This is just another reason Brigham City is such a great place to live.

By having the Jourdan family in Brigham City, it became clear to me how very fortunate I am to live here. Their tourist eyes helped me to really appreciate the advantages of living here and admire sites I have taken for granted over the years.

Within several short months, our beautiful green leaves on Main Street will turn to vivid autumn hues of auburn red and burnt orange. We'll search our closets to find our jackets and sweaters to enjoy the cooler temperatures. Before you know it we'll be shoveling snow and purchasing presents for Christmas. Time will rush by again to unveil another new year. Let's not forget the beauty we are surrounded with everyday. The quality of life we experience in Brigham City in my opinion is unsurpassed. Once again, I am so grateful to live in such a beautiful city and am so proud to have the opportunity to serve as your mayor.

Sincerely,

*Lou Ann Christensen*

Mayor Lou Ann Christensen

OUR NEWEST EVERYDAY HEROES



INDIVIDUAL AWARD:  
REED BURKE



TEAM AWARD: NEIGHBORHOOD PRIDE  
COUNCIL

Bonnie Germer, Pat Williams, Jerry Hilton, Stan Williams, Ross Bowman, Missing are Reed Burke, Dee Garvin, Lori Tingey and Georgiana Davis

For complete details of the Individual and Team Everyday Heroes, see Article on pg 11

To Nominate an Everyday Hero, Please see the form on pg 4





### Holly Bell

It has been a choice experience to have served on your City Council and to have represented your voice in City affairs. I have a great appreciation for the strength and power of volunteers and Brigham City has some of the best. The City employees are extremely competent and qualified in their positions and in their work ethics. They strive to do their best job for you. Thank you for allowing me to serve you. It has been a great six years!



### Alden Farr

This newsletter will be the last before my term expires in December. First of all, thanks for allowing me to represent you. I have appreciated hearing your opinions on issues that were important to you. I encourage you to continue to express your feelings to the new council. I would like to thank all the City employees and volunteers who have committed their time and energy to make Brigham City the nice community it is. It has been a pleasure to work with the Mayor and the current and past council members over the last four years. I believe past, current and future councils have and will work to make the best decisions for all involved.

One of the first major issues before me as a new council member was supporting a public fiber optic network (UTOPIA). A couple of months ago piping was installed in front of our home for this technology. Before long it will pass every home in Brigham City. I mention this because I hope you will consider taking advantage of it when it becomes available. The economic benefits will be good for Brigham City. There are a lot of other exciting projects in the works. Like UTOPIA, it takes time for these projects to become a reality.

I have enjoyed the last four years. It has been a great learning experience for me personally. I hope I have done some good. Thanks again for your support.



### REMEMBER TO VOTE ON NOVEMBER 6



Four Council seats are up for election this year in Brigham City. Also on the ballot is the State Education Referendum, the Box Elder School District Tax Referendum, and the Brigham City .25% UTA Tax Opinion Question. See page 5 for more information. The General Election will be held November 6 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the USU Innovation Center (old K-Mart Building) at 989 So. Main. Early voting is available at City Hall, 20 No. Main, October 23 through November 2, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Watch for further information in the Box Elder News Journal and on the City's website, [www.brighamcity.utah.org](http://www.brighamcity.utah.org). Any questions should be directed to the City Recorder at 734-6621.

### DO YOU KNOW AN OUTSTANDING BRIGHAM CITY RESIDENT?

Brigham City Corporation is accepting applications for the **Jim Davis Extraordinary Service Award**. Annually during the month of October a Brigham City employee or citizen that has performed extraordinary service to our community is recognized. This award is in memory of the dedication and commitment rendered by Jim Davis as Public Power Director and City Council Member. When Council Member Jim Davis died suddenly from cancer in 2002, the City Council adopted Resolution 02-23 establishing the Jim Davis Extraordinary Public Service Award. Previous award recipients were **Mary Kate Christensen, Beth Gurrister, Bruce Leonard, Kris Powers and Paul Larsen**.

Brigham City Corporation is requesting your nomination for the Jim Davis Extraordinary Public Service Award. If you know someone who deserves this award, please write a narrative that includes specific examples of how your nominee has gone above and beyond what is expected in serving the public. **Please submit your nomination by 5:00 pm on October 15, 2007** to: Brigham City Corporation, Attn: Mayor's Office, 20 North Main Street, Brigham City, Utah 84302, or email to [sbrailsford@brighamcity.utah.gov](mailto:sbrailsford@brighamcity.utah.gov).

### VOLUNTEERS IN POLICING PREPARE FOR EVENTS

Brigham City Volunteers in Policing (VIPS) which includes members of Citizens on Patrol and Neighborhood Watch are helping with community activities. Peach Days, community concerts, art fairs and other events give volunteers the opportunity to provide service to the City.

At City events you will recognize these volunteers by their uniform which is a blue shirt with "Police Volunteer" printed on the back. Volunteers are present at these events to act as observers for the police department and to help with directions and information to event visitors.

As part of other activities, some members may be personally contacting citizens with important information about crime prevention and awareness in our community. Each volunteer has a city issued photo ID card which citizens can ask for if contacted at their homes. Volunteers are available to give presentations about Neighborhood Watch to groups interested in personal and community safety.

Already in 2007, volunteers have provided many hours of service at high school sporting events and other community activities. New members are always welcome. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact the police department at 734-6650.

### REED BURKE – INDIVIDUAL EVERYDAY HERO

**Reed Burke** was one of the founding members of the Neighborhood Pride Council (N.P.C.) and was appointed to serve as Chair in 2006. He also represents the N.P.C. on Brigham City's Vision 2012 initiative. To help with the response of emergency vehicles and personnel, Mr. Burke assisted the N.P.C. in completing a project to paint addresses on all of the curbs in the City. The City Pride Cleanup event is coordinated by the N.P.C. and for the past several years Reed has monitored dumpsters to help the City Pride Cleanup event run smoothly. During his term as Chair, the N.P.C. partnered with Neighborhood Non-Profit Corporation to coordinate a home improvement grant program to help income qualified families improve their homes. Under Reed's leadership the N.P.C. recognized a need to eliminate recreation/trailer parking on City streets. They did the research, listened to comments in a public hearing and brought an amended ordinance back to the City Council for their approval. With the passage of the ordinance, citizens became increasingly aware of this nuisance and as a result City streets are safer.



Reed was contacted by the City to help find some volunteers to assist a fellow citizen who had been required by City ordinance to trim foliage that had grown in the "Clear View Triangle" of a street intersection. This foliage created a safety hazard because it obstructed the view of drivers at the intersection. Reed took this task on by himself and was caught in the act helping the resident trim his bushes.

Since 2000, Reed has been a volunteer at the Senior Center delivering meals to those seniors in need. Nancy Green, Senior Center Director, said, "You can always count on Reed when in a pinch." Reed has also volunteered his wife Barbara to assist him in delivering the meals. The "Meals on Wheels" program wouldn't be successful without volunteers like Reed who give freely of their time, their vehicle and pay for the fuel to visit a senior and deliver a meal. Reed is very deserving of the Everyday Hero Award.

### NEIGHBORHOOD PRIDE COUNCIL TEAM EVERYDAY HERO AWARD

Current Members: **Reed Burke, Stan Williams, Dee Garvin, Pat Williams, Jerry Hilton, Bonnie Germer and Councilmember Steve Hill**. Past Members: **Ross Bowman (past chair), Lori Tingey, Georgiana Davis and Councilmember Alden Farr**. City Staff: **Jared Johnson and Judy Loveland**

The Neighborhood Pride Council (N.P.C.) was formed in July 2004 to promote clean, orderly and peaceful neighborhoods through voluntary efforts of the citizens.

Over the past three years the N.P.C. has coordinated the City Pride Cleanup program. This has been an extremely successful program with 460 tons of garbage being collected in dumpsters located throughout the City. Members of the N.P.C. manned dumpsters and organized over 70 citizen volunteers to make sure this event ran smoothly. They were assisted by City staff including Waste Collection, Streets and Inspections. Over the past three years they collected 339 batteries, 2,729 tires and 16 refrigerators.

In 2005, the N.P.C. had a goal to paint addresses on curbs throughout the City. They completed this goal in record time. Painting addresses on curbs helped emergency personnel to more readily respond to emergencies.

Brigham City and the N.P.C. partnered with Neighborhood Non-Profit Corporation to provide funding through a grant to assist 17 income qualified home owners to fix up their homes. Projects included new roofs, doors, sprinkling systems, windows and siding.

In 2006 the N.P.C. began work on implementing an ordinance regulating recreation/trailer parking on City streets. After researching other city's ordinances, the group brought a draft ordinance to the City Council for a public hearing. After listening to comments at the public hearing they were willing to bring an amended ordinance back to the City Council for their review. The group did their homework, listened to concerns and came up with a win/win ordinance that has safety of our streets for our citizens as prime importance. This goal was completed in 2007 with the passage of the ordinance.

Monthly they recognize homes in Brigham City that have neat, orderly and well groomed yards.

Their goal in 2007 is to review the abandoned vehicle ordinance to determine if the ordinance needs to be changed.

#### Neighborhood Pride Council's Mission Statement is:

"To encourage and provide guidance to all interested citizens of Brigham City who have a desire to enhance and raise the beauty and safety of their neighborhood.

First, by improving our own property by pruning, planting, painting and disposing of unused items.

Second, by volunteering to assist others in similar cleanups and improvements.

Third, by enlisting and assisting other volunteers to complete similar projects to make Brigham City a better place to live.

We will work closely with Brigham City leaders to obtain funding and to receive overall direction."

The Neighborhood Pride Council will continue to find better ways to assist the City in promoting clean, orderly and peaceful neighborhoods. Brigham City is a more beautiful place to live as a result of their efforts.

The Everyday Hero nominations were submitted by Jared Johnson and Judy Loveland, Brigham City Inspection Department



## HERITAGE AND CULTURAL ARTS ADVISORY BOARD

The Heritage and Cultural Arts Advisory Board is here to serve the community. You may not notice us or even know about us, but we are busy in the background working to make Brigham City a good place where our past is remembered and our future is on the horizon.

A great and wonderful thank you to all who returned the citizen questionnaires (found in your utility bills)! Approximately 6,300 questionnaires were mailed out and over 370 were returned. This is part of a cultural assessment which was made possible by a grant from the Utah Arts Council. Your comments and recommendations are being listed and tabulated. Your responses will help the City better understand the needs and wants of our local citizenry.

At the same time as another part of the Creative Communities grant, questionnaires have gone out to artists and community organizations. The questionnaire will help us to create an accurate profile of the number of artists and the various art disciplines that are represented in our community. The Board also has tentative plans for a piano competition as well as a Nutcracker Festival.

**Dr. Patrick Overton** of the Front Porch Institute has guided us through the intricacies of our committee, sub-committees, volunteers, staff specialists and architects to share our visions of a “together community.”

Meetings are open to the public and are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, as needed, 6:30pm in the Brigham City Council Chambers 20 North Main Street (upper floor). Members of the Heritage and Cultural Arts Advisory Board are: **Beth Gurrister (Chair), Kelly Driscoll, Anna Whitesman, Rhonda Leonard, Susan Neidert, Kevin Lane, Mike Phillips, Jill Grover, Lori Hunsaker, Jolene Kawa, JaNeal Rogers, Roger Manning (Ex-Officio), Meg Ferry (Ex-Officio), Dale Hendrickson (Ex-Officio), Scott Ericson (City Councilmember), Reese Jensen (City Councilmember), Paul Larsen (staff), Sue Hill (staff), Larry Douglass (staff), and Jolene Crockett (staff).**



## NEW DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

A number of new developments are occurring in the Brigham City area. The Nucor Building Systems plant is rapidly going up on Watery Lane. GEM Buildings is preparing for construction of a new office building, also on Watery Lane. A new car wash is under construction on 1100 S. and a Days Inn hotel is under construction at Point Perry.

## THE AMAZING FLOWER LADY



For the past five years, Elaine Crockett has been the individual responsible for the beautiful flowers along Main Street, in the Bill of Rights Plaza, at the Library, and around City buildings. Last year she also accepted the assignment to re-design the planting area at Horsely Park. From one season to another, she meticulously selects the flowers, shrubs and trees, plants them and tends to the beautiful gardens. With the assistance of two temporary employees, Elaine transforms the sterile ground into a vibrant, beautiful and colorful display of flowers for citizens and visitors to enjoy. This year has been particularly difficult because of the hot weather, but because of her dedication, the flowers are as beautiful as always. Thank-you Elaine.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Brigham City Economic Development Board has been tasked with accomplishing those portions of the Vision 2012 initiative that relate to economic development. The Board is organized into committees working on the airport, existing business expansion and retention, the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge, commuter rail, the USU Community Innovation Center, marketing, new business development, tourism, trails, and West Forest Street. These committees are very busy working on projects such as implementing a business visitation program, signage for the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge, a broadband technology expo, pursuing funding for the USU Community Innovation Center, producing marketing materials, recruiting businesses, promoting the development of West Forest Street, and much more. Unfortunately, as is often the case with economic development, although there is a lot going on, this activity is not very visible. We appreciate the great volunteer efforts of the Economic Development Board. Members are: **Andy Shinkle (Chair), Bruce Christensen, Robert Smith, Ken Kennedy, Roger Manning, Fred Baugh, Tom Shaw, Dick MacFarlane, Jon Bunderson, Craig Stewart, Reese Nielsen, and Monica Holdaway. Ex-officio members are: Susan Thackeray, Ben Boyce, Jeff Packer, Bill Harrison, Kevin Lane, Tom Hannum, Mike Dunn and Dale Hendrickson. Mayor Lou Ann Christensen, Councilmembers Reese Jensen and Steve Hill and Economic Development Director Paul Larsen and Executive Assistant Sharon Brailsford also support the Board.**

## SPOTLIGHT DEPARTMENT - INSPECTION DEPARTMENT

The Brigham City Inspection Department is responsible for reviewing and permitting all construction work inside the City, code enforcement of nuisances and business licensing. The Inspection Department is staffed by **Jared Johnson, Tom Peterson, Judy Loveland and Eliza McGaha**. Jared is responsible for oversight of the department which includes staying up to date on constantly changing state laws and building codes, monitoring the fee schedules for permits and licenses and ensuring that services are provided for in a timely manner. Tom Peterson is a Building Inspector with twelve certifications and his electrical contractor's license. Tom reviews and permits residential and commercial jobs and performs building and business license inspections. As secretary of the department, Eliza helps with secretarial assignments and makes appointments. As of the end of July 2007, 203 building permits have been issued with a combined value of \$38,517,316.00. Judy Loveland issues business licenses and handles nuisance complaints received by the City. So far through 2007 Judy has handled 456 complaints and issued 812 business licenses. The Inspection Department has an ISO rating of 2 from Insurance Services with a 1 being the best. What this ISO rating means to a citizen is your home owner's insurance premium is cheaper. The Inspection Department strives to accommodate our citizens and works to exceed the high demands of the construction industry. Call us at 734-6618 and let us know how we can help you.



## WHY IT'S IMPORTANT TO HAVE A BUSINESS LICENSE

Let's start by defining what a business license is; a business license is a certificate or document granted by the City giving businesses the right to do business in the City. It is illegal to operate any business without first applying and obtaining a business license. Business is described in 14.02.020 of the Brigham City Code as including but not limited to, the sale of tangible personal property at retail or wholesale, the manufacturing of goods or property and the rendering of services to others for a consideration by persons engaged in any trade, craft, business or occupation including doctors, lawyers, accountants, dentists, etc.

Businesses are licensed for several reasons:

- To ensure they comply and are located in areas meeting the Zoning ordinance.
- To ensure the business meets all fire and life safety codes, not only for their own protection but for the protection of the citizens. Also, contributing to scores the City receives on ISO ratings.
- To ensure they comply with all local and state codes, Brigham City is required to verify that they have registered with the state and have obtained any state licensing that may be required prior to allowing them to do business locally. This helps to protect the public from illegal practices and protects existing business from being undercut by those that do not follow the rules.
- To ensure that businesses are properly regulated.

Business license fees are entered into the City's general fund to pay for the cost of licensing and regulation. The license fees do not fully fund these actions but do assist the City in recuperating some of the costs. If the City chose not to charge regulatory fees for licenses, the monies would have to be pulled from other general fund services such as police, emergency services, recreation, administration, museum and senior center.

## SAYING GOODBYE TO THE MODERN CLEANERS BUILDING



On August 22, 2007 at approximately 7:00 am, demolition of the Modern Cleaners building began. The building was located at 36 North Main Street in Brigham City. The building has been a part of Main Street for many years, but a combination of factors has led to its demise. The City acquired the building in 2001 as part of the Academy Square Project. While planning on the Academy square project continued, the City leased the building back to the operator of Modern Cleaners. However, it became evident during the winter of 2005/2006 that over time the elements of nature had taken their effect on the roof of the building. Through extensive evaluations it was deemed to be unsafe and unfit for occupancy. The costs to rehabilitate the structure made it cost prohibitive, mainly due to the type of construction of the building. The Modern Cleaners lease was terminated and the building has been vacant since then. Demolition of the building was accomplished using City staff and equipment. The property where the building stood is part of a planned public plaza that will be part of the Academy Square Project.



SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS FOR October, November and December

**October 5:** Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser 5 p.m.-7 p.m. Music until 8:00 pm provided by the Overland Duo

**October 24:** Senior Health Fair/Flu shots 9-12

**October 31:** Halloween Party

**November 8 & 9:** AARP Safe Driving Class 12:30-4:30 Please Pre-register

**December 1:** Santa’s Merry Olde Workshop Christmas Bazaar 9-3

**Date TBA:** Christmas Dance with the Fender Benders

**December 31** New Year’s Eve Party 8 p.m. – midnight watch for details

**Beginning in October:** Alzheimer’s Group - The Senior Center, in partnership with the Utah Alzheimer’s Association and Hospice Alliance, is hosting a pilot program for individuals with early to mid-stage Alzheimer’s disease and their caregiver. Separate groups will be held at the same time to help in the continuum of care. Please contact Vickie at 723-3303 for more specific information.

**November 15-December 31:** Open enrollment for Medicare D - Nancy and Vickie are trained to assist with plan selection and enrollment.They can also help with other Medicare related issues. Please call 723-3303 beginning November 1 to schedule your appointment.

MUSEUM GALLERY

The museum is located at 24 North 300 West. The entrance is on the west side. Admission is free. Hours are Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 1 to 5 p.m.

Sept. 28 through Oct. 27 - The invitational exhibition “Reflections” will include paintings, watercolors and photography. Twenty artists from New York,Arizona, Colorado and Utah will participate. Adrian Van Suchtelen, a retired professor of drawing at Utah State University, curated the exhibit.

Nov. 2 and runs through Dec. 1 - fiber arts show. The show is comprised of two- and three-dimensional art. Some of the pieces on view will be purses, boxes, batiks, weaving, art quilts and stamped patterns on fabric. Ten artists from the Wasatch Front have been invited to submit pieces. If you have any questions about the museum’s programming, please call 723-6769.

LARRY DOUGLASS RECEIVES AWARD



Larry Douglass was selected to receive an Outstanding Contribution Award from Utah State History for his outstanding efforts as Director of the Brigham City Museum-Gallery. This award was presented on September 6 in the Salt Lake City Public Library. The awards program was part of Many Voices, State History’s 55th Annual Utah State History Conference. Congratulations Larry.



ACADEMY PROJECT

Planning on the Academy project in downtown Brigham City is proceeding and the community will soon see physical activity there. The Brigham City Redevelopment Agency acquired the Brigham Auto Parts property just north of the Academy building and is nearing acquisition of two additional properties. Demolition of the Modern Cleaners building has occurred. Plans for phase I construction on the Academy building are nearing completion, and this work will soon proceed utilizing the proceeds of a HUD grant obtained for the project by Rep. Rob Bishop and Sen. Bob Bennett. It will include a seismic retrofit to the building, a new roof, and work on the second story windows. Fundraising for phase 2, which would complete the Academy building and an addition to the north, is now commencing. We are optimistic about the future for this important addition to downtown Brigham City. Lori Hunsaker and Ned Young are co-chairs of the Academy Square Steering Committee. A group within the steering committee is working on fund raising. No City general fund monies will be used for this project.



HERITAGE ARTS FESTIVAL

Thanks to all who attended the Brigham City Heritage Arts Festival held on June 9. This was a great event and fun for all who were there. **Many thanks to ATK Launch Systems, the Utah Arts Council, the Utah Humanities Council,** and all who supported this ongoing event. The following volunteers spent countless hours facilitating this outstanding festival: **Kelly Driscoll, Holly Lamb, Greg Woodard, Norman Child, Geraldine McGaha, Beth Gurrister, Joan Hammer, Monica Holdaway, Lori Hunsaker, RoLayne Jensen, Susan Thackeray, Betty Leishman, and Jeff Anderson.** City employees on the committee are: **Jolene Crockett, Paul Larsen, Larry Douglass, Ben Boyce, Donna Pett, Dave Burnett and Sue Hill.** Watch in future editions for more information about the 2008 festival. The theme will be “A Patchwork of Cultures” and will have a quilting emphasis. See you there on June 14, 2008. Former Jazz player Thurl Bailey will be speaking and entertaining.

If you have a soldier on active duty and would like their picture displayed in Brigham’s Wall of Honor, please bring your picture to the Mayor’s Office or contact Sharon at 734-6612.

Brigham City Corporation is also offering utility credits for those soldiers on active duty.

UTOPIA UPDATE



**What will the UTOPIA network do for you??** Let’s say you come back from vacation and want to send 24 of your vacation photos to a friend over the internet. With a dial up modem it would take 1 hour and 15 minutes, with DSL it would take 13 minutes and with a cable modem it would take 4 minutes. The same package of photographs can be sent with the typical fiber optic connection in 12 seconds at a cost that is comparable to DSL or cable modem. You can find a very effective demonstration of internet speeds using various types of connections, including 56Kbps modem, DSL, and fiber optics, at [www.mxi.nl/fiberspeed](http://www.mxi.nl/fiberspeed). Beware that this website is in Dutch. To the left on the front page of the website you will find a menu with a link to an English language equivalent. You will then need to download the program that provides the demonstration.

The UTOPIA project began construction in Brigham City on June 4, after five long years of hard work and planning. Crews are in the process of installing fiber optic conduit throughout the city. You have probably seen “ditch witches” doing this work, leaving behind orange pipes sticking out of the ground. This orange pipe is conduit through which fiber optic cable will be strung. Fiber optic is the most robust telecommunication medium in existence, and is capable of speeds and performance that no other medium can match. Brigham City is divided into six “footprints” or districts. There is a neighborhood “cabinet” associated with each of these footprints. Voice, video, and data traffic on the network feeds in and out of these cabinets. Each of the cabinets in turn feeds into and out of a central hub which then connects to the UTOPIA network. Each of these connections has an alternate path,

creating redundancy in the network. Redundancy means that if the fiber connection is cut in a particular location, traffic is automatically rerouted by another path, and service is not lost.

Services on the UTOPIA network will begin to be available to households and businesses in the first Brigham City footprints in October, with other footprints receiving services as they are completed. Private service providers offering services on the UTOPIA network at this time include: MStar, Nuvont, Veracity and XMission. Other service providers are discussing usage of the UTOPIA lines in the future.

As with all public infrastructures, UTOPIA infrastructure is being installed either within public rights of way, or in utility easements on private property. During a construction project of this type and size, it is inevitable that there will be occasional damage to landscaping and sprinkler systems, disruptions of traffic, etc. UTOPIA and its construction contractor TetraTech are committed to making sure that any damage caused during construction will be repaired in a timely manner. If there is a problem in your yard during construction, please contact Jolene in the Public Works Department at 734-6615 so that we can coordinate repairs.

UTOPIA’s construction and operation is funded through a combination of private bonds and a loan from the Rural Utility Service of the US Department of Agriculture. UTOPIA’s indebtedness is paid through revenues from wholesale fees paid by private service providers for use of the network. In order to obtain favorable interest rates on the UTOPIA financing, 11 UTOPIA cities, including Brigham City agreed to place a portion of their sales tax revenues in a debt service reserve fund. This money will be held in reserve and used only if revenues from the network dip below UTOPIA’s debt service obligations. The management and operation of UTOPIA is designed to minimize the potential for this happening.

We look forward to having Brigham City become one of the most wired communities, not only in Utah or the United States, but the world. More information on UTOPIA, including service provider information, is available at [www.utopianet.org](http://www.utopianet.org).

Visit Brigham City’s Website [www.brighamcity.utah.gov](http://www.brighamcity.utah.gov)



CARVING THE WAY FOR NEW BUSINESSES!

Brigham City Public Power has had another busy summer! Under the direction of Alan Wright linemen have set 45 new poles running west out of the Northwest Substation, along 1500 North, and behind the Nucor site on 1200 West known as 3rd Lane (1200 West runs from 600 North to Hwy 13, east of Watery Lane, where the Waste Treatment plant is located); with poles that stand on both north and south of Hwy 13. When finished they will have run approximately nine miles of overhead wire. This project gave the Public Power Department employees a chance to utilize their latest piece of equipment the EZ-Hauler 3800 which gave the crews the ability to access wet areas where they couldn’t use a line truck. The goal with the completion of this project is to have this and the other commercial businesses in the northwest area of the city, including the airport, to be fed by circuit 2 from the Northwest Substation. This will help balance the electric load with the other two circuits from the Northwest Substation.

Along with general maintenance, crews have been busy with poles, wires, and transformers. Some have been upgraded and others painted. The third phase of the North 40 subdivision (runs from 900 North to 1500 North and from 500 West to 800 West) is under way, as well as starting the Canyon Cove project (1075 South and runs from 800 West to 950 West). Both projects consist of setting pad transformers, vaults, street lights and underground wire in conduit.



FALL CLEAN-UP

The window of opportunity for this clean-up must come late enough in the year for residents to be taking out flowers, vegetable gardens, etc., but not so late that it runs into winter conditions. Fall cleanup is mainly for garden and yard debris. The extra pick-up includes both the black and green cans.

Fall clean-up begins Monday, October 15th, with the first extra pick-up for residents whose regular collection day is Friday. This continues, with the extra pick-up on the day following the regular collection day, to allow each household four extra pick-ups. The final extra pick-up day is Friday, November 9th, all containers, including green containers, should be curbside by 6:00 a.m.

Green cans should only contain green waste through December 10, 2007. Beginning December 10th and continuing through March 28, 2008 green containers may be used for household waste.

COLLECTION TIPS

All containers must be placed on the street five feet away from parked vehicles, mailboxes, other containers, and out from under trees. All shredded paper, newspapers, Styrofoam packing, feathers, and plastic grocery bags should be placed inside a garbage bag and tied to prevent spills.

For more information, check the Waste Collection page at [www.brighamcity.utah.gov](http://www.brighamcity.utah.gov)



ADULT IMMUNIZATION, IT'S YOUR BEST SHOT!

The Northern Utah Immunization Coalition encourages you to get protected by getting immunized against diseases you may be at risk for. For more information contact the Bear River Health Department at (435)792-6500 or visit their website at [www.brhd.org](http://www.brhd.org).

September 24-30, 2007 is National Adult Immunization Awareness Week. Get immunized and don't forget your flu shot this fall.

Everyday Hero Nomination Form - FALL 2007

To nominate an individual and/or team, please complete this form along with a single page essay telling why you are nominating them.

Nomination Due Date: 30 November 2007

Nominee Name: Address: Telephone #:

To be eligible Nominee(s) must be a resident(s) of Brigham City and working to make our community a better place to live.

Name of Individual Submitting Nomination: Telephone #:

Return Form and essay to: [sbrailsford@brighamcity.utah.gov](mailto:sbrailsford@brighamcity.utah.gov) or, Sharon Brailsford, Mayor's Office, 20 No. Main, Brigham City UT 84302

LEAF COLLECTIC

At the end of the summer, one of the activities the Street Department prepares for is leaf collection. The leaf collection program operates separately from the Fall Cleanup project. Leaf collection does not start on a specific date. Brigham City has a wide variety of trees and vegetation that each seem to drop their leaves at a different time and rate. For this reason, the leaf collection program continues as long as weather permits. Leaves should be raked to the park strip, which is the area between the sidewalk and the curb. To prevent potential storm drain problems, nothing should be placed in the gutter. Please do not put any other vegetation in the pickup area. A tentative schedule for the two leaf vacuums is for two days after garbage collection. For example, Monday garbage collection areas should look for the leaf vacuum on Wednesday. Again, because of the inconsistency of leaf drop, this is a tentative schedule.

RECYCLING

Plenty of compost is available at the West Forest Street recycling site (by I-15). We are currently out of wood chips and have a limited amount of leaf mulch.

Brigham City is pleased to be able to provide the service of having a place for you, our residents, to bring your green waste. This offers an alternative to transporting green waste all the way to Little Mountain where you must pay to dump. Rather than take up space in the landfill, the green waste can be recycled into useful material that can be purchased at a reasonable price. Green waste may be dropped off any time. Please remember to dump only green waste in the assigned area at the West Forest Street recycling site. A scrap metal bin is available at the recycling site. For disposal of paper, cardboard, and plastic, bins are available at the corner of Forest Street and 100 West. The bins are to be used only for the material for which they are identified. We cannot take refrigerators, freezers, or other refrigeration type units or any hazardous waste at any location.

Current business hours are Wednesday through Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Winter business hours, Wednesday through Friday 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., begin November 19, 2007 and continue to March 28, 2008. Please remember that green containers may be used for household waste from December 10, 2007 to March 28, 2008.

COMMUTER RAIL - .25% SALES TAX

Brigham City, Perry City and Willard City have placed an opinion question concerning Commuter Rail on the November 6, 2007 election ballot. This opinion question is asking the citizens within the three communities if they are willing to increase the sales tax rate by a .25 percent (.0025). The intent of this proposed sales tax rate increase is to fund a "public commuter rail transit facility and related services, infrastructure, operations and transportation system expenses.



Brigham City and the Utah Transit Authority have just completed a Transit Corridor Study to evaluate the different transit options for improving the transit corridor to Weber County and the rest of the Wasatch Front. The study showed that by sometime in 2020 the I-15 and US-89 surface transportation corridor in South Box Elder County will have reached its capacity for surface traffic. The recommendation of the Transit Study is a multiple phase implementation effort to bring Commuter Rail to Brigham City and South Box Elder County. The first phase of this project is to bring a "Diesel Multiple Unit" (DMU), on a shared track with Union Pacific Railroad from Ogden to Brigham City. The DMU is a small commuter rail train that carries approximately 75 passengers. As rider ship increases, additional DMUs can be added to handle more riders. When rider ship increases to a point that it becomes feasible to upgrade to a larger train, they will bring the FrontRunner to South Box Elder County and Brigham City on a separate track.



The proposed .25% Sales Tax increase will cover the annual operating cost of running the "Diesel Multiple Unit" between Ogden and Brigham City. The capital cost for improvements to begin passenger rail service to Brigham City will require additional federal dollars. These improvements include commuter rail stations, park and ride lots, rail track improvements and lease of the DMUs.

The proposed .25% sales tax increase will have a minimal effect to an individual's retail purchases. This table shows actual sales tax increase based on a retail purchase.

Purchase Amount	Sales Tax Increase (\$ .00)
\$ 1.00	\$ .0025
10.00	.025
100.00	.25
1000.00	2.50

If approved, the sales tax increase will generate approximately \$800,000 a year. These monies are collected by the Utah Transit Authority and held for the development of Commuter Rail to Brigham City, Perry City and Willard City. The development of commuter rail will not happen immediately. The capital cost is to be funded through federal dollars and it will take a few years to acquire these funds. The local sales tax monies collected today will be held and used for the required dollar match necessary for the federal funds. These tax dollars can also be used to acquire necessary land for future commuter rail stations in Brigham City, Perry City and Willard City.

If you have any additional questions or would like more information, please contact Mark Teuscher, Brigham City Community Development Department, at 435-734-6616. A copy of the Transit Corridor Study is available on the Brigham City website at [www.brighamcity.utah.gov](http://www.brighamcity.utah.gov).

CITY EMPLOYEES RECOGNIZED

Semi-annually the Brigham City Mayor and Council recognize employees for exemplary service and performance toward accomplishing the City's mission by performing exemplary customer service, demonstrating internal efficiencies, and/or exhibiting characteristics of exemplary conduct in the continuous operation of the City. Ambassador Awards are given to an individual employee and to a team and were selected from Mayor's Awards given to individuals and teams during the time period from Jan. 1 to June 30, 2007.

On August 30 during City Council Meeting, the following employees were recognized:



The individual award was presented to Executive Assistant Sharon Brailsford. Sharon was nominated for this award by Mayor Christensen who said, "Sharon's professional skills and abilities have been a major factor in being able to successfully address the challenges we've faced this past year. She has

spent much time in getting our City Administrator and our new Human Resource Coordinator up to speed. She takes on endless tasks and does so with a positive attitude that is contagious throughout the city. She is a joy to work with."



The team award was presented to the Heritage Arts Festival Planning Committee. They were nominated for the team award by Economic Development Director Paul Larsen. City employees are: Ben Boyce, Dave Burnett, Jolene Crockett, Larry Douglass, Sue Hill, Paul Larsen and Donna Pett. Paul Larsen said, "Planning for the festival is an ongoing activity, with preparations for the next festival beginning almost immediately after the last one. These employees already have a full plate of responsibilities, and it amazes me how they are able to still find the time to work throughout the year to pull together this excellent event. Their hard work and dedication are truly worthy of this award."

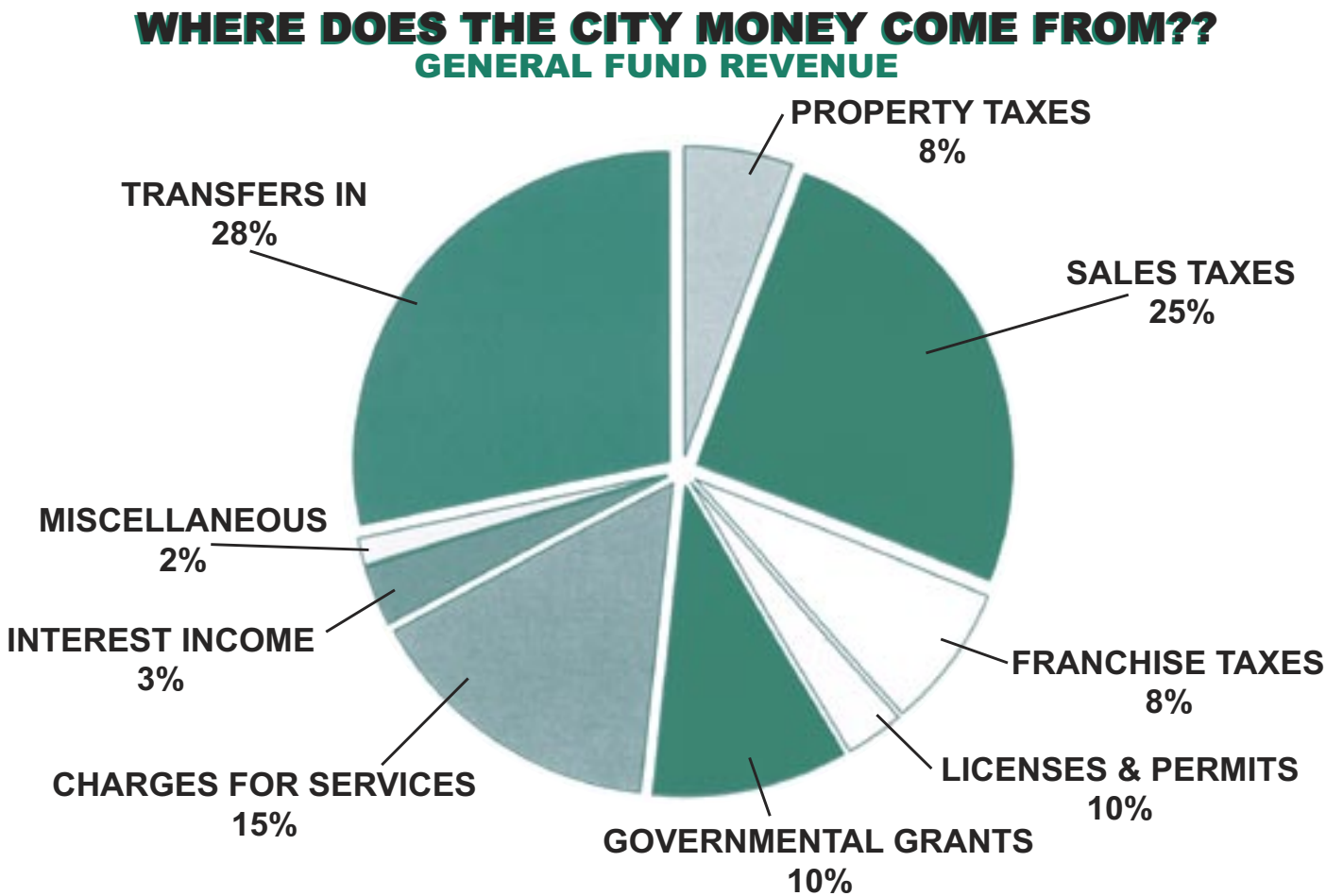


# HOW DO RESIDENTS PAY FOR GENERAL FUND SERVICES?

All City services except the utilities (water, sewer, electric, waste collection and storm drain) and the golf course operations are provided by the General Fund. A few of the General Fund services are:

- Police
- Ambulance
- Senior Citizen programs
- Inspection
- Fire
- Recreation
- Streets

In order to cover the cost of providing services to the residents, the General Fund collects revenue from various sources. The breakdown of the General Fund revenue sources is shown below.

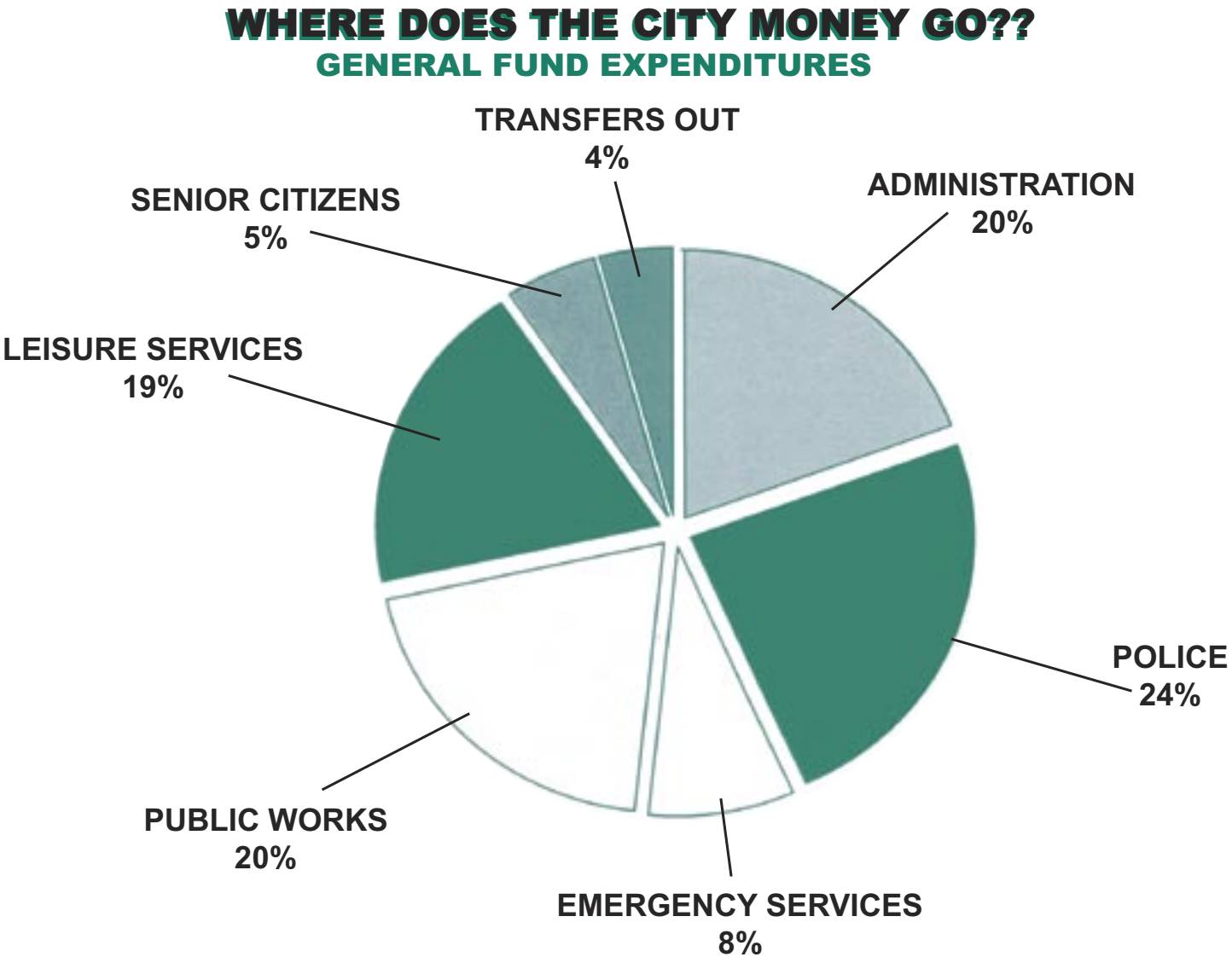


The Transfers In comes from the Utility Fund. Fifty-three percent of the General Fund Revenue is from Transfers In (28% which comes from the Utility Fund) and Sales Taxes (25%). Property taxes only generate 8% of the General Fund revenue.

## BUDGET TASK FORCE CREATED

Questions regarding the budget and general fund revenues including utility transfers are being addressed by the Budget Task Force. They will present their findings during the regular city council meeting on October 25th. Members include: **Councilmember Steve Hill, City Finance Director Dennis Sheffield, Fred Baugh, Brad Barber, Dale Smith and Scott Clayson.**

Costs to provide general fund services are illustrated below.



Emergency Services is the fire, ambulance and emergency services. Leisure Services is Parks, Recreation, Cemetery, and Museum Gallery. Public Works is Streets, Community Development, and Inspection. The cost of providing the services listed above to the residents is greater than the revenue collected for those services. Those services are operating at a deficit. The additional revenue needed so that the costs of the services are covered is obtained mainly from sales taxes and the transfer from the utilities.

A change in the make up of the General Fund Revenue could be made. If the revenue decreases, then the cost of services must also decrease. This decrease will mean other services provided by the City will have to decrease or additional revenue to offset the deficit will have to be found.. The dilemma the City Council faces is what services will be decreased so the total costs of the General Fund will equal the General Fund Revenue.

Every year balancing the budget is a challenge. For additional questions, please contact City Finance Director Dennis Sheffield, City Administrator Bruce Leonard, Mayor or Council Members.